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SUBJ: "LEFTIST" POLITICIANS RESURFACE

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. THE OCT 30 BANGKOK POST QUOTED DAMRONG LATTHAPHIPHAT, FORMER DEMOCRAT PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL AND COMMERCE MINISTER, AS SAYING, "I HAVE NOT RUN AWAY...AND HAVE KEPT THE NARC INFORMED OF MY WHEREABOUTS." HE SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND DENIED THAT HE OR THE DEMOCRAT PARTY HAD GIVEN ANY FUNDS TO THE NSCT. HE DEPLORED THE MOCK HANGING INCIDENT AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY ON OCT 4 AND SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD FORMER PRIME MINISTER SENI PRAMOT THAT THOSE INVOLVED SHOULD BE ARRESTED. DAMRONG SAID THAT FORMER DEPUTY PARTY LEADER AND JUSTICE MINISTER CHUAN LIKPHAI HAS BEEN STAYING WITH FRIENDS IN BANGKOK AND THONBURI.

2. WIRA MUSIKAPHONG, FORMER DEMOCRAT PARTY SPOKESMAN, ANOTHER OF THOSE "PROGRESSIVE" DEMOCRATS THOUGHT TO HAVE FLED FROM BANGKOK, SHOWED UP AT THE PARLIAMENT ON OCT 29 TO RECEIVE HIS BACK PAY. WIRA, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE REMAINED AT HOME SINCE OCT 6, ALSO SAID HE WAS READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. HE CONFIRMED PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT SURIN MATSADIT, FORMER DEPUTY PARTY LEADER OF THE DEMOCRAT PARTY AND MINISTER ATTACHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, REMAINED AT HOME IN

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NAKHON SI THAMMARAT (SOUTHERN THAILAND). MRS. PHANTHIPHA

WATCHAROBN, FORMER DEMOCRAT MP, ALSO APPEARED TO PICK UP HER SALARY, AS DID FORMER DEMOCRAT MP SUTHIN CHAICHIT.

3. ON OCT 22 THE BANGKOK POST REPORTED THAT COL. SOMKHIT SISANGKHOM, LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THAILAND, HAD BEEN LIVING IN BANGKOK SINCE HIS RETURN ON OCT 7 FROM AN INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION MEETING IN MADRID. SOMKHIT DENIED REPORTS THAT HE HAD FLED TO LAOS WITH FORMER SPT DEPUTY PARTY LEADER KHAISAENG SUKSAI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SPT. KHLAEO NORAPHATI, FORMER LEADER OF THE SOCIALIST UNITED FRONT PARTY, HAS BEEN REPORTED AT HOME IN KHON KAEN.

4. TO DATE NONE RPT NOT OF THE MP'S ELECTED TO THE 1975 OR THE 1976 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN ARRESTED.
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